



# JOURNEY GROUPS

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Pursuing Christ through Unity • 1 Corinthians 1:1-17

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## Sermon Notes

1. **We are fully equipped to embrace unity. 1-9**
  - Equipped through \_\_\_\_\_. 2b
  - Equipped through \_\_\_\_\_. 2a
  - Equipped through \_\_\_\_\_. 4-9
  
2. **We are commanded to embrace unity. 10-17**
  - Embrace unity through a shared focus on \_\_\_\_\_. 10,13
  - Embrace unity through a shared focus on \_\_\_\_\_. 11-12, 17

**Key:** Be grateful for the messenger, but worship the message giver!

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## Additional Study Information

**Key Verse:** 1 Cor. 1:10

**Key Principle:** Divisions are devastating to the effectiveness of the local church and hinder the progress of God's kingdom work.

**Key Idea:** Worship God, not man.

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## Questions

1. When a person experiences salvation, they are now “set apart” in Christ. The practical working out of this change is mentioned in Ephesians 4:1-4. After reading through this passage in Ephesians, how does humility and patience play a part in the unity that God expects us to display?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Scripture teaches that each one of us who is saved possesses at least one spiritual gift (1 Corinthians 12-14). How does the fact that we possess different spiritual gifts provide unity rather than disunity? What are some specific ways that our spiritual giftedness can actually provide an opportunity for disunity?

3. In 1 Corinthians 1:10, Paul *pleads* that there be no divisions among believers. Why do you think unity is so important in the church body?
  
  4. We, at Cornerstone, place high value on the truthfulness of Scripture. How do you think this emphasis actually helps us to live in unity (Acts 2:46-47)?
  
  5. Our primary focus of worship should be on Christ, because he loved us and gave himself on the cross for us. How do you worship Christ personally on a daily basis?
  
  6. Today, with the explosion of media, we can connect with numerous preachers, teachers, and writers. In Corinth, the people played favorites among the well-known preachers of their day. Given the way we glorify celebrities in our own culture, do we run the risk of glorifying famous preachers in the same way? Why or why not? What is the danger in doing this, for us, the preacher, and the kingdom?
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## Digging Deeper

7. As we begin our journey through the book of Corinthians, let me encourage you to check out a couple of these sites for some helpful background information:
  - <http://www.bibleplaces.com/corinth.htm>
  - <http://www.sacred-destinations.com/greece/corinth>
  - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient\\_Corinth](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Corinth)
  
8. True unity in Christ is found in unity through doctrine. This doctrinal/theological unity is mentioned in 1 Corinthians 1:10 where Paul writes that we should be “perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” This means that our doctrinal/theological unity should display itself in the decisions we make on a daily basis. What key doctrines are important to us as believers and how do those doctrines help us to live in unity with other believers?